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CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION

A convention of the conservatives of the Provincial riding of Red Deer will be held in the Oddfellows Hall on Saturday, March 22nd, at 2:30 p. m., for the purpose of nominating a candidate to represent the party at the coming election.

All Conservatives Welcome

Conservative Meeting on Saturday Night A Great Success

SPLENDID SPEECHES DELIVERED BY W. G. HUNT AND THE LOCAL MEMBER

Michener Received With Enthusiasm

Saturday night at the Lyric theatre was moving speeches instead of moving pictures. Manager Haddock supplied music by an excellent orchestra, and the theatre was packed to the doors with an interested crowd of people who listened to a lively discussion of provincial political issues.

W. G. Hunt, of Calgary, gave various reasons why he, as an old and life-long Liberal, could no longer support the present Sifton government. Mr. Hunt is a man who has been in the inner councils of the Liberal party and a member of the Calgary executive for years. He has been regarded as one of the strong men of Liberalism, and always a welcome and forcible speaker for his party.

Mr. Hunt is an ardent temperance man, and of course touched upon that important question. The Conservative party stands neither for nor against prohibition, but believes that the people should have an opportunity to say how they desire this matter to be disposed of. There is a plank in the platform of the Conservative party to the effect that this question should be submitted to the people, and on a 60 per cent. vote of the people that a law should be enacted to enforce prohibition of the traffic. In view of the fact that the people of the province had been twice gold-bricked on the question of local option, it is fair to hope for any fairness in such a matter from the present government.

Mr. Hunt also referred to the scandalous railway deal made by the Rutherford government for which this government could not evade responsibility, the A. & G. W. deal. He went into the details of this transaction, showing that it was most manifestly framed for graft into millions. Then the present government had assumed the responsibility of power without going to the people for permission and had assumed responsibility thereby for all the acts of the previous government, therefore for the A. & G. W. The man who made that deal, and the men who had supported it as a splendid bargain for the province, had been included in the present cabinet. Confession had followed this deal, which had wrecked the Rutherford government, and confession had come pretty near to wrecking the government of Premier Sifton. Taking the entire record of the Liberal government since the last election, it was impossible for him to longer stultify his self-respect and his conscience by blindly following the present Premier. A man has no right, declared the speaker, to follow blindly in politics any more than he has a right to follow blindly in any other matters. He was proud to support Mr. Michener because he was a man of high honor, a man of principles, which he held dearer than any party, and he was a man in whose integrity the people could safely repose the most unqualified confidence.

Mr. Michener referred feelingly to the sudden death of Mr. Malcolm McKenzie, the Hon. Provincial Treasurer, whose great ability no one had ever doubted. Especially in committee he had been a useful servant of the public good in the committees of the legislature, and had left his imprint for good on the great deal of the legislation of the province.

Mr. Michener referred to the misrepresentations which had been so diligently spread by Liberals and by the Liberal press, with regard to his position. He declared that he had been elected an Independent Conservative by a duly organized Conservative convention, but had been given a free hand to support good legislation. His acceptance of the leadership of the Conservative party had not at all affected his independence. His principles were the same as ever, he gave his support and so did the Opposition to almost all the legislation brought down by the present government, when they thought the legislation good and in the interests of the people. Should the day ever come when he could no longer carry his ideals and principles with him, he would resign his position. I believe in staying with a party only so long as that party is right. If a party goes wrong in principle, then there is only one position which an honorable man can take, and that is to stand by principles and to let his party go.

Mr. Michener went on to show that while the Liberals charged the provincial Conservative party with being the friends of the railway to the detriment of the common people, the facts showed the exact opposite to be the case. In addition to two Liberal railway bills having been framed largely in favor of one railway company, giving that company a practical monopoly of railway charters for some years to come, the Liberal government in Edmonton, prior to the A. & G. W. deal, had passed an amendment to the Railway Act, giving to all companies whose lands were guaranteed by the government exemption from taxes for fifteen years. The Railway Act provided a tax of one per cent. on a valuation of \$20,000 a mile, or \$200 per mile. The amendment of the government gave the companies exemption for 15 years and imposed a tax for the next 15 years of only \$50 per mile. This exemption on the total mileage of the existing railway guarantees would ultimately involve a loss to the province of \$800,000 annually. The Conservative party during the present session had introduced a motion that this amendment be repealed, so as not to apply to any new railway deals into which the government might enter, and the amendment had been spoken against by members of the government and the opposition. This action on the part of both parties showed clearly that the party was the friend of the corporations in the province of Alberta.

Mr. Michener showed that the Liberal government had made extravagant expenditures in the cities in the way of public buildings, to the neglect of the country parts, to the neglect of good roads, and drains. The Conservative party had contended that while 70 per cent. of the people lived in the country, and 30 per cent. in the cities, the provincial government had spent public money in ratio directly opposite, spending 30 per cent. of the public money in the country where 70 per cent. of the people lived, and 70 per cent. of the public money in the cities where only 30 per cent. of the people lived. The pledging of the public credit to assist railway construction, to the extent of \$60,000,000, while the needs of the country in the matter of roads showed the government's regard for corporations and was evidence that the government had no proper conception of the real needs of the country. Mr. Michener did not depreciate spending money on public buildings, but thought the action of the government in some instances ill-timed. The comfort of the settler, and proper road facilities between the farm and the market, he thought the first duty of the government, and that duty had been entirely neglected. After these eight years of neglect, in the dying days of the last session of the present government, suddenly the government have become very solicitous for the welfare of the farmer, bringing in an elevator bill, and a measure of direct legislation, all with a view to catching the votes of the farmers.

Mr. Michener characterized the Direct Legislation Bill of the government as having many defects. The people had no power to recall, could not initiate any legislation calling for the expenditure of money, could not have submitted to them under the referendum any legislation passed by the government involving money, and could not have referendum at all in any instance except by the opinion of the government consenting to refer any particular measure to the vote of the people. While this measure was not a satisfactory opinion of the principle of direct legislation, it still had the support of the Conservative party as being better than nothing, and later on it

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Annual Meeting of the Football League

The annual meeting of the Town Football League was held in the fire hall on Friday evening last. The attendance was not so large as expected, but what was lacking in numbers was made up in enthusiasm. H. J. Snell was voted to the chair, and he handled the meeting in a quiet but very efficient manner. Mr. Snell in a brief, business-like speech spoke of football matters, and their bearing on the young people, and eloquently E. Michener, M.P.P., and C. A. Carswell for their generous gifts of cups and medals. He was quite satisfied that they were sports of the real kind, and willing to do their share towards clean sport of every description. Fire Chief Meeres, who is a very energetic worker for sport in general, had lots of good advice to give the boys, and was satisfied that, with careful management, the Town League would have a very successful year. He hoped everybody would pull together for the good of the game and the benefit of all.

A letter was read from W. H. Hadley, who was unable to be present, suggesting some alterations that he thought would be for the betterment of the controlling of the game. While the meeting was not able to follow out all the suggestions at the present time, they carried out one item that was very important, namely, appointing three gentlemen, unconnected with any club, and one representative of each club, to form the league committee. The following were elected for 1913: Hon. Patron—E. Michener, M. P. P.; Hon. Sec. Walter, Esq.; Hon. President—J. A. Carswell; Hon. Vice-President—E. M. Kane; President—H. J. Snell; Vice-President—Chief Meeres; Manager—R. Gee; Sec. Treas.—John Wright.

The executive were elected as follows: H. J. Snell, W. H. Hadley, Ralph Griffin, and one representative of each club who must be a non-player.

H. G. Scott and James Mann were elected auditors, and Messrs. Hadley, Meeres and Brydie were appointed a social committee.

H. J. Snell was appointed representative of the big series of the provincial meeting at Edmonton.

A vote of thanks was passed to E. Michener, M.P.P., J. A. Carswell, the referees, manager and executive for their donations and services for 1912.

Meeting adjourned at 10.30.

Lord's Millinery Opening.

The first showing of spring millinery by the W. E. Lord Co. was made yesterday, and is being continued throughout the week. It was one series of surprises yesterday. On account of the snowstorm, the music was cancelled, and the first surprise was the crowd of ladies in attendance, which would have justified the orchestra being on the job.

Then came a big series of surprises in the new designs and lovely combinations of shadings which went to make up the "Lord Line of Lovely Millinery," which is really beyond description. It must be seen to be appreciated.

Tall tulip trimmings are much in evidence, while the popular and most correct shades are Cerise, Coq d'Inde, Rouche, purple and various tans. Austrian mounts of many designs and shadings stand out prominently and are decidedly attractive.

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Wedding Bells

W. R. McCrorie and Haydee Reinhold, two of Red Deer's popular young people, were married yesterday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents on Douglas St. Both are very well known, and a couple of weeks ago, they were the recipients of a splendid "shower" at the home of Mrs. Dan Spahn, and on their return will make their home in Red Deer. The good wishes of all friends go with them.

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U.F.A. Edwell Union No. 53

A meeting of this Local Union was held at the schoolhouse on March 3rd and was fairly well attended, although it would be better for all if members were more regular in attendance. The minutes of the previous meeting having been disposed of, the following were nominated for membership: D. Gummow of Willowdale, and Joseph Malsbury of Edwell, both of whom were accepted, subject to payment of dues.

Mr. Powell and Mr. Ellis, who were appointed a committee to assist in the organization of a Union at Pine Lake, reported to the Union that they attended at Pine Lake, and were pleased to inform members that a branch had been formed, 30 joining at the first call for members, and there was every likelihood of a very strong Union forming there. Mr. Powell called the attention of all members of the Edwell Union to the necessity of keeping this Union at its full strength, doing their best to bring in all the members they could. A vote of thanks to the members who assisted in the organization of the Pine Lake Union was heartily carried.

The question of obtaining a carload of wire was next taken up, and it was resolved, when the orders warranted, to order same, and the Secretary was instructed to get all the orders he could. A considerable quantity was ordered at this meeting. Members receiving any will please communicate with the Secretary at once.

E. H. Pixley reported three fresh milk cows for sale, and W. Gummow reported 300 bushels Ligowo seed oats for sale.

Enquiries were made for the following: 1 Pekin drake, 1 Plymouth Rock rooster, and 1 Orpington rooster. Anyone having these for sale will oblige by notifying the Secretary at Edwell P.O.

The meeting then adjourned to Wednesday, March 19th, at the Edwell Schoolhouse at 7.30 p.m., when it is hoped for a large turnout, it being about the full of the moon.

FRED JAS. POWELL,
Secretary, Edwell P.O.

Where The Enemy Is

(Lethbridge News)

The Canadian Gazette, discussing the Privy Council session in the Great Waterways case, puts the matter in a nutshell in the following paragraph:

"The Alberta Government has failed to convince the judicial committee of the Privy Council of the correctness of its attitude towards the bondholders of the Alberta and Great Waterways Railway. From the standpoint of the province, Mr. Sifton and his colleagues felt themselves to be on sure ground, but another set of considerations came into play when the action of the government and legislature affects what their lordships call 'a civil right which has arisen and remains enforceable outside the province.' It is obvious that the decision is one of the highest importance both to Canadian public bodies and to the British investors by whose aid they are meeting the newer needs of Canadian expansion."

It doesn't make much difference what the Sifton government intended to do to protect the bondholders in this case. What counts particularly is the fact that as a result of the government's stand in the appeal case the impression has been broadcasted that the intention was to let the bondholders go hang, so to speak. Surely a very bad impression to become current in the one country of the world upon which we so materially depend for the cash with which to finance our development enterprises, public and private.

In this connection it is worth noting that already British financial papers are calling attention unfavorably to the position of Alberta; also that organs of the Sifton government are denouncing these British financial writers as "hard-working enemies" of the province. Of course they are mistaken. No real enemies why under ordinary conditions these men should say harsh things of this province any more than of any other province. In this particular case the "hard-working enemy" of Alberta is not located in London, England, but in the seat of the Premier at Edmonton.

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TRYING TO FOOL

THE ELECTORS.

The dire straits in which the editor of the Advocate finds himself in hunting excuses for supporting the present provincial Government are apparent. Failing to find any real arguments why the electors of Alberta should return to power the Government which has brought the province of Alberta into such an unfortunate financial condition, the editor of the Advocate tries to draw a red herring across the track—trying to fool the intelligent farmers of the Red Deer constituency—by telling them that they should be against Mr. Michener because the Conservatives are in power at Ottawa and they are opposed to reciprocity.

The editor of the Advocate might as well argue that we should bring provincial politics into municipal elections, as to say that we should bring federal questions into provincial elections. If the editor of the Advocate has any good reasons why the people of Red Deer riding should vote for the Liberal candidate, we would be glad if he would let them know what they are. If he thinks the people should support a government which, for corrupt practices in elections, can beat Tammany Hall; a government that plunges a country headlong into enormous liabilities without any provision for their repayment; a government that has bartered the people's interests in putting through a nefarious railway deal, and a still more nefarious remedy for that deal, and which has made the province of Alberta a byword for cancellation and confiscation throughout the British Empire, then why does he not be frank and say that for these reasons the people should return the Liberal Government to power?

When, however, he has to impart foreign questions, irrelevant, entirely, to provincial politics, to mislead and fool the people, it is quite evident that his case is desperate. Is he willing to tell the people to vote against Mr. Michener because Mr. Michener's party stands for—

1. The immediate acquisition by the province of its natural resources.
2. The development of these resources so as to create a sinking fund for the gradual repayment of our enormous liability, the interest of which alone is \$3,000 a day, as well as provide sufficient revenue for the economical and business-like management of these resources for the administration of the affairs of the country.
3. The handling of these resources so as to provide a sum of money to build roads and undertake drainage schemes and in other ways develop the country by an average annual expenditure of several times what the Liberal Government have been able to do with their suicidal policy of accepting a mere pittance of \$373,000 in lieu of our natural resources.

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8. Appointment of a commission to look into the possibilities of developing water powers for the creation of electric light and power for industrial purposes and for rural municipalities as well as for towns and cities throughout the province.

Is it for these reasons that the editor of the Advocate would urge electors of this riding to vote against Mr. Michener?

IS MR. WELLIVER AFRAID?

Mr. Welliver did not accept the invitation of the leader of the Conservative party to be present at Conservative meeting.

The following letters are interesting reading in the light of an impending general election:

MR. MICHENER'S LETTER

TO MR. WELLIVER.

Red Deer, Alta., March 10, 1913.
R. B. Welliver, Esq.,
Red Deer, Alta.

Dear Mr. Welliver,—
We are holding a public meeting on Saturday evening next at eight o'clock, in the Lyric Theatre, to discuss provincial questions. As you

are the candidate representing the Government, I hereby extend to you a hearty invitation to be present, when an opportunity will be given you to address the meeting, should you so desire, and every courtesy will be extended to you personally. Yours faithfully,

E. MICHENER.

MR. WELLIVER'S REPLY.

Red Deer, Alta., March 11, 1913.
Mr. E. Michener, M.P.P.
Red Deer, Alta.

Dear Mr. Michener,—
Your kind invitation of the 10th inst. received.

I am indeed sorry that previous engagements will prevent me from being present.

As the invitation is for me personally, I presume that you do not extend the same invitation to any one that may care to represent me. Thanking you for the courtesy you have shown me in this connection.

Yours very respectfully,

R. B. WELLIVER.

This case is exactly parallel to that which occurred at the time Mr. Root ran against Dr. Clark. On that occasion Mr. Root was invited to attend a meeting to be held by Mr. Clark, and offered as a reason that he had an important meeting to attend in Lacombe. It will be remembered that at that time Mr. Welliver, the present Liberal candidate, was the president of the Liberal Association in Red Deer. All kinds of political capital was made out of this incident, and thousands of pamphlets were mailed throughout the federal riding calling the attention of the electors to the fact that Mr. Root had failed to meet his opponent on the platform, and leaving with the people the inference that the Conservative candidate was afraid.

Now, when was Mr. Welliver on Saturday night? His own organ, the Advocate, did not announce any meeting on that evening, and a few days prior a gentleman who passed through Sylvan Lake village saw no notice nor heard any hint of a public meeting at that place. The fact is stated that he held an organization meeting with a few of his followers at Sylvan Lake. It would be interesting to know when arrangements were made for this meeting, whether before or after the invitation sent by Mr. Michener to Mr. Welliver. In any case, it would seem that his Sylvan Lake followers would have appreciated the courage of their candidate had he allowed someone else to attend the meeting at Sylvan Lake and had himself appeared on the platform at the Lyric Theatre. Mr. Welliver will be welcome to any of the Conservative meetings, and will be treated with all proper respect and courtesy, as will also any of his supporters. The same courtesy will be expected for Mr. Michener or any of his supporters in connection with the meetings of the Liberal candidate.

Mr. Welliver has been stating on the platform that \$23,000 was spent on the roads of this riding last year, most of which was spent in the west. It is reported to have made the statement that his information was from the Minister of Public Works. During the past week Mr. Michener asked twice for information as to the amount spent in the Red Deer riding on roads, and the Minister of Public Works claimed that it was impossible for the Government to give the information concerning any one riding. Mr. Michener then asked the Minister of Public Works if it was correct that he had told Mr. Welliver that \$23,000 had been spent in the riding, and the Minister replied "I did not." "Then," said Mr. Michener, "If Mr. Welliver says that he received this information from you, he is stating what is not so?" To which question the Minister of Public Works replied emphatically, "Absolutely."

Mr. Mitchell, the Minister of Public Works, has also informed Mr. Michener, in answer to a question which the member for Red Deer asked him, that Mr. Welliver had nothing whatever to do with the patronage, with getting road work done or bridges. It would seem that there has been a misunderstanding somewhere, or the Minister has double-crossed the candidate.

Winston Churchill was once the riding star of Dr. Clark, the member for Red Deer, says the Calgary News-Telegram. Today he characterizes Winston Churchill as a political weathercock. If Mr. Churchill has read the recent speeches in the Canadian parliament, the weathercock might be tempted to liken his former friend to the animal which reposed Balaram.

Thin Red Line Leach has been employed by the Sifton Government on the redistribution bill. Electors, watch that bill.

Marcel Spectator—The indications are that the electors of Alberta will wipe out the Sifton Government root and branch.

MICHENER SCORES SIFTON BUDGET

Surplus Only Borrowed Money

On Thursday last the budget for 1913 was laid on the desks of the members of the Legislature. It was quite a volume of figures, setting forth the estimated revenue and expenditures for the year 1913. The Premier, on account of the illness of the provincial treasurer, delivered the budget speech. The Premier's speech, however, was more a political harangue, delivered to the press and to the public galleries, than a serious and statesmanlike exposition of the financial situation of the province. Finance is one of the subjects which the Premier is not an expert on.

The leader of the Opposition on the following day dealt for nearly two hours in a masterly way with the revenues and expenditures, going into details, setting forth the sources of revenue and the avenues of expenditure. His statement of the serious position in which the province is at the present time, financially, showed conclusively to the House that he had a grasp of the financial situation that would be sufficient warrant for the people of the province to entrust to him the task of pulling the province out of its almost hopeless entanglements.

At the close of the Premier's speech on Thursday, at a late hour, the leader of the Opposition moved the adjournment of the debate until the following day. It is according to parliamentary procedure and usage that the estimates be laid on the members' desks for twenty-four hours before the budget speech is delivered. It is also according to parliamentary usage that the leader of the Opposition adjourns the debate until the following day, and this has always been the practice at Edmonton from the beginning. The Premier, however, attempted to force Mr. Michener to reply at once without having had a chance to look over the estimates. This was so manifestly unfair, and so much in keeping with the attempt on the part of the first minister to evade any criticism, that even his own supporters objected and insisted that the leader of the Opposition be given the usual time to prepare the facts from the budget for an intelligent review of the finances of the province.

The Premier still insisting, Mr. Michener was obliged to appeal to the Speaker for fair play and asked that a vote of the House be taken.

During an adverse vote, thereupon backed down and agreed to the adjournment of the debate. The following extracts from Mr. Michener's speech will give an idea of the quality of the criticism offered the budget by the leader of the Opposition.

One would think that the leader of the government, who has 33 devotees ready to cheer at every rising inflection of his voice, ought to give the leader of the opposition a little latitude in offering fair criticism of the finances of the province. He charges the leader of the opposition with the very ruin and destruction. No one has even mentioned the word ruin or destruction except the leader of the government himself, and the government press with its blue ruin and scare lines.

A LARGE DISCREPANCY.

For the year 1912 the total revenue from all sources outside of actual loans was \$3,419,481, while the actual expenditure was \$12,541,253. That, to say the least, is not a very healthy condition of affairs. Out of an expenditure as given in the public accounts for 1912, under recapitulation of \$13,521,253, fully \$10,000,000 was from the proceeds of loans. What would a banker say to a business man who asked for credit to spend \$13,000,000 a year whose income was only \$300,000; or, in other words, how long would a man get credit at the bank who was spending four times the amount of his income? The province may stand this kind of administration one or two years, or possibly three or four years, but the inevitable result of spending millions more each year than the revenues of the province warrant, without providing a sinking fund for the automatic repayment year by year, of these loans, must be the exhaustion of the provincial credit and a resort to direct taxation.

CUT COAT ACCORDING TO CLOTH.

We have spoken now of the sources of revenue which are two, namely, a Dominion subsidy, and departmental receipts, totalling in all a little over \$3,000,000. While we are willing to admit that this sum is entirely inadequate to build up our institutions and develop our province, yet, we must cut our coat according to our cloth. With a small revenue at our command we must of necessity practice rigid economy with the greatest possible efficiency; our expenditures

must be based upon necessities not upon political exigencies. Proper methods of expenditure should not take account of political ends, nor should public officials be appointed to positions in return for political services. The installation of the government telephone should not take account of the political complexion of the petitioners, nor should the different departments of the government be made to work overtime on the eve of an election for partisan advantage.

POLITICAL OFFICIALS.

We have a deplorable condition in this province, of men who are paid out of the public treasury, going round, if reports be true, organizing and speaking at political meetings in the interests of the Liberal party.

We have discussed at some length the source of revenue, enumerated a few principles as to the economical and efficient expenditure of those revenues, keeping ever in mind a reasonable proportion between the revenues and the expenditures.

THE INTEREST CHARGES.

There are various avenues of expenditure: First, there is the public debt, estimated in the budget for 1913 at \$655,000, which is a payment of interest and expenses in connection with loans. It is hard to figure out, however, how this amount will pay the interest on \$14,400,000, which we already owe, as well as the differential interest of at least on \$7,400,000 of the A. and G. W. bonds, in addition to the interest which will be incurred against advances made by the bank in lieu of the money from the sale of the bonds of the \$5,000,000 which the government propose to borrow to augment the revenues of the province for the present year. The interest charged against the revenues of the province

during the year 1913 figured out on a basis of 5 per cent., which is perhaps a shade less than the average interest which we will pay on \$14,400,000 and is the interest which we are paying on the \$7,400,000 of the A. and G. W. bonds, amounts to \$1,600,000, less whatever amount of interest the government is allowed by the banks for the \$6,000,000 which is held by the Royal Bank.

CUT OF ALL PROPORTION.

Again, we will have to add to this the interest on the new issue of \$5,000,000 at least for part of the year. This makes, Mr. Speaker, a fixed charge of at least over a million dollars against the revenue of the province for the year 1913. Last year, while we had a revouge of \$3,419,481, our provincial revenue, outside of Dominion subsidy, was a little less than \$2,000,000. Now, sir, \$10,000,000 of interest charge against this province, whose provincial departmental revenue is less than \$2,000,000, is altogether out of proportion. In other words, the interest charge against the province for the year 1913 will be approximately 50 per cent. of the provincial revenue. I appeal to the members of the house if we are not in a precarious (Continued on page 5)

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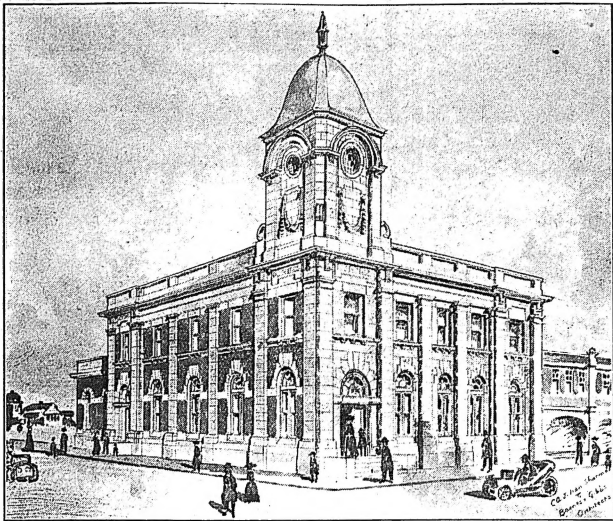
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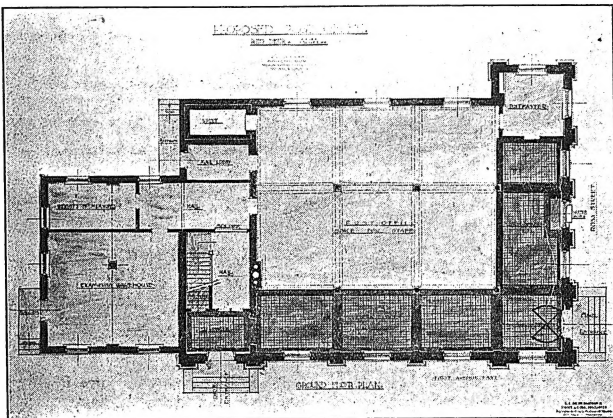
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Michener Scores Sifton Budget

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condition financially, when the fixed charge for interest is 50 per cent. of our provincial revenue or approximately 30 per cent. of our total revenue?

A business man who had to pay 30 per cent. on his total earning for interest would not be considered to be in a sound financial condition.

NO PROVISION FOR REPAYMENT.

With respect to the allowance for the public debt, the \$565,000 which is estimated as the expenditure of interest, is apparently only about half of the interest which will have to be paid by the province during the coming year. Furthermore, Mr. Speaker, it is only a matter of business necessity for all municipalities, corporations and companies which negotiate bonded loans, to provide for the annual repayment of interest and principal equated over the term of the loan, or else otherwise provide a sinking fund for the repayment of the said bonded loan at maturity. We find that the province, however, has made no provision for the repayment of the large indebtedness, and, to use the Premier's words, does not propose to repay.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Now we come to public works. We notice that the grant appropriated for public works for 1913 is considerably in advance of that of 1912, especially in the grant voted chargeable to income 1912. In 1912 this was \$150,000 and in 1913 there is \$335,500.

We notice also that work has begun throughout the province in different parts in connection with public works, very much earlier than last year. Considerable work, I am told, is under way in various constituencies upon the roads, in the way of corduroying and preparing for the summer's work. I would not like to insinuate that this has anything to do with the possibility of an early election, but when Liberal candidates throughout the different ridges claim the authority of provincial patronage and are asking the people to send all requests for road work and bridges to them, and they will be glad to see that all their requests are carried out, it looks as if there might be a connection between the larger expenditure and the earlier starting of work this year and a general election.

I notice that the expenditure for education for the present year exceeds last year by \$102,078, which no doubt is warranted by the increased number of schools and the general development of the province.

THE AGRICULTURAL OUTLAY.
The seventh item of expenditure is that for agriculture, chargeable for the year 1913, \$628,700, an increase

over last year chargeable to income of \$109,600. With this increased amount to spend, doubtless the minister will not need to discount any notes to buy stores for the province this year. While we have no fault to find with the expenditure of a substantial sum to assist agriculture commensurate with our revenue, yet we doubt very much if the money expended in this department brings the results which we ought to get from the expenditure of so large a sum.

EXPENSIVE DEMONSTRATION FARMS.

We notice an item of \$50,000 for the operation of demonstration farms. When these farms represent an expenditure in land and equipment of \$40,000 to \$50,000 and have to have a vote of \$50,000 for operation, it does not demonstrate very clearly how a man with very little money who has no government grants to assist him to operate his farm, can make a very great success in farming.

The premier, in his remarks on the budget, stated that every constituency thought they had the pick of the soil suited to the requirements of a demonstration farm, but unfortunately they could only be placed at seven places throughout the province. However, it is rather a coincidence that the particular kind of soil necessary for the demonstration farms is, in at least six instances, in constituencies represented by cabinet ministers.

SPURIOUSLY FOUNDED ON BORROWING.

According to the Bulletin's report of the estimates for 1913, although it does not appear in the estimates, there is an estimated surplus of \$1,055,275. Now, what does this mean? It simply means that we will have—if we do—that much left at the end of the year out of borrowed funds, on which we are paying interest unnecessarily for one year, which in itself is a bad business principle. A boasted surplus secured out of borrowed capital is not much to the credit of the government. We have before the house a resolution asking for the appointment of a royal commission to investigate the finances of the province.

NEED OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR.

We have had no meeting of the public accounts committee since 1905 until this session. At the very first sitting grave irregularities were discovered. We have never had a provincial auditor of an independent character. No province should have an auditor who is in the employ of the government, but the provincial finances should be audited by a competent auditor who is independent and is free from fear of dismissal by the government. He should be appointed by the members of the house as the representatives of the people of the province of Alberta, whose money is being spent by the government of the country.

A refusal on the part of the gov-

ernment to appoint a commission of auditors such as we have asked for will be prima facie evidence that they do not wish the public accounts to be investigated.

Today, after less than three years' time, we are still without a railway to the north: we have paid \$1,100,000 interest on money of which we never had the use of, and after enormous sums incurred for litigation, we are in a worse condition than when the present leader of the government was called to power. And yet he refuses to bring to this house any proposal as to how he intends to deal with a serious situation which has been brought about by his bad and illegal legislation.

He boasts of Liberalism. The first government, under Premier Rutherford, which was selected by the people, might boast some semblance of Liberalism, which is supposed to stand for responsible government, and for some measure of fairness in elections, but as far as the present so-called Liberal administration in this province is concerned it is Liberal only in name.

A SPURIOUS LIBERALISM.

The present government is so void of possessing any Liberal principles that throughout the province good thinking Liberals are not only expressing their intention of supporting the Conservative party at the coming election, but are even prepared to take the platform, and in doing so I believe they will not only be contributing to the good of the country, but will be helping to cast out a spurious Liberalism to make way in time for a Liberalism that shall be more worthy of the name.

MAKING HISTORY.

Mr. Speaker, in conclusion, I have tried to indicate in a brief way our criticism upon some of the phases of the financial problems of the province. The administration of our public revenues and the efficient and business-like expenditure of our public money will doubtless have a far-reaching effect upon the future history and development of the province. I leave other phases of criticism to my colleagues. We are making history, not for today merely, but for those who are to come after us, for those who will occupy the broad plains of Alberta in the days which are to come. The great northern section of our province is awaiting the co-operation of capital and labor to disclose its untold wealth and to distribute its production to enrich and stimulate the whole of the province. If we are to advance with that rapidity in the forward march which our untold assets will warrant, if we are to reach the potentials of the province, we must be seized with a statesmanlike conception and a patriotic ambition; we must rise above partisanship, and the custom or creed, and work together in an earnest endeavor to promote all our great interests of our great province.

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ACTIONS PROVED IT.

This view of the Liberal party is borne out by the fact that the party

when in power practically did nothing, its plans which were in process of formation in 1911 being but an excuse for inaction. They could not be regarded in any circumstances as effective aid, nor were they intended to be. The party which rejected the Admiralty's suggestions of 1909 and substituted therefore the famous tin-pot navy of 1910 can hardly be regarded seriously when it has now come forward with an amendment which proposes that the \$35,000,000 to be expended in accordance with the suggestion of the Admiralty at the Imperial conference of 1909.

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Ralph Griffin and wife arrived in Red Deer on Saturday last from their long visit to England, looking well. Ralph says his leg is not yet quite sound though. He left his flying machine behind as a donation to the government in defence of the home land.

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The Blind Guide last week again devoted two columns to try and prove it was not a Liberal paper, yet it said in the very article in question, that "The Conservative policy is out of harmony with the prevailing conditions and the requirements of the country and its people."

The prevailing conditions referred to were of a financial nature no doubt, and has reference especially to the Liberal alcoholic financial feats of the Liberal government at Edmonton. The Conservative policy certainly is out of harmony with that sort of thing. The Blind Guide's editorial Jebu is also somewhat of a howling financier himself, as he declared to edit editorial space to the Conservatives for consideration and which was turned down with a dull, deadly thud he went up in the air, so to speak, and is still sizzling.

Curling Notes

In the Payne Cup competition semi-finals Gillespie defeated T. A. Gaetz and Plaxton defeated Stephenson. Gillespie and Plaxton played the final, Plaxton winning the cup.

In the Stephenson Cup, Clark Gillespie, Stephenson and Lindsay played in the semi-finals, Clark defeating Stephenson and Lindsay defeating Gillespie. Lindsay defeated Clark in finals by a score of 13 to 8, winning the Stephenson Cup.

All the competitions are completed but the event of the Payne Cup, which will be played off this week between Campbell and Rutherford rinks.

The competitions completed resulted as follows: Points Competition—Won by Dr. Plaxton with a score of 40, which is the highest score made in history of Red Deer Curling Club. H. G. Stone kindly presented a beautiful silver cup for this competition.

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Easter cards and booklets, allies, loys' hats, mouth organs, and Musson's revised lumber and log book at John McVicar's bookstore.

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On Good Friday at 8 p.m. the choir of St. Luke's church will render Moulder's beautiful cantata, "Penitence, Pardon and Peace."

Adelaide Beth Hope is assisting in the accompanying.

If you figure on getting some of the now widely known "Vermont Cold Coin" potatoes for your seed this year, see H. C. Besant, market gardener, P.O. Box 429. He also has some very fine table "spuds." Nice and mealy for table use.

The Sanitary Brown Daisy dust coats, handy duster with handle, furniture brushes, furniture dusters, broom bags, wall brushes, floor brushes and floor mops are now procurable here, a nice range having been opened up this week by Smith & Gaetz.

Arrangements have been made for Charles M. O'Brien to lecture in the Social Hall on Thursday night, March 20th. Questions are invited from anybody, and a personal invitation has been sent to Mr. Michener, the member, and Mr. Welliver, the Liberal candidate for this division.

Members of our lending library having old or damaged copies on hand, are requested to bring them in for exchange as soon as possible. We are adding over 100 new books, and withdrawing all damaged and old copies. Now is a good time to join. Membership 75c; exchange fee.—Gaetz-Cornett Drug & Book Co.

The School Board

The Public School Board met Wednesday night. Mr. R. L. Gaetz was chairman in the absence of Mr. Simpson, out of town. Aldermen Payson, Garwood and Munro, and Principal McKenzie were also present.

TEACHERS RETIRING
Miss Bellis and Miss Cose wished their resignations to take effect on March 31. Miss Patterson wished to be moved up from the Red Deer North School.

GOVERNMENT GRANT
The Government grant on basis of attendance for the second term of 1912 was \$122,257.

TRUANCY REPORT
The Truant Officer reported fifteen investigations for February, twelve causes of absence being casual.

ALEXANDRIA CLUB CHAIR
The Alexandria Club objected to the charges of \$26.30 for light during their rehearsals at the school assembly hall for their entertainment Britannia's Heroes.

The Secretary said they had been charged simply the amount in excess of the ordinary school charge, and they were treated liberally, in the deal they were to pay the school and the caretaker, and the Board would give them the use of the School.

Mr. Gaetz believed the use of the school rooms for community purposes should be encouraged.

The matter was finally referred to the Property Committee.

TRUANT OFFICER
D. M. Wright had spent 126 hours in Truancy work in January and 71 hours in February. He would give his time from 10 o'clock on during school hours and longer if necessary at \$4.00 a month.

The Board doubted whether the work would need so much time.

The matter was referred to the special Truancy Committee.

APPLIED FOR EX-AMINENT
Lillian M. Church, Calgary, applied for engagement as teacher on May 1st.

INCREASES OF SALARY
Caretaker Gees asked for increase of salary to \$125 a month. His duties increased seven days a week, and he had to pay two people for assistance.

The Board considered they were well served by Mr. Gees, and that his request was reasonable. The request was granted.

The salary of Vice-Principal Gibson was made \$1000 for 1913, and

that of Secretary Munro \$400.

ACCOUNTS

The following accounts were ordered to be paid—M. A. Munro, bond, \$20; McLean Bros. 70c; Jas. Cruickshanks, \$1; Baird & McKenzie \$39.02; Cushing Bros., limited \$107.39; Park & Sons \$5.50; Western General Electric Co. \$11.40; Day Hardware Co., \$4.53; C. A. Julian-Sharman \$15; P. K. Griffin, \$5; Northern Crown Bank \$12.79; Hewson & Sons, coal \$44.40; Best Furniture Co., \$2.10; Mrs. Nora V. Steele \$15; Gaetz-Cornett Co. \$21.25.

ACCOMMODATION FOR CHILDREN

Sidewalks were arranged for with the Town for the Central school on Second Street North and for the South end school on Second Avenue East. A platform will be erected in front of the latter school to give the children some outside room in muddy weather, and the Property committee will arrange for it.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal McKenzie reported that the enrollment of February was 44; daily attendance 439; percentage 81. Seven of the rooms have a work of over 90. The enrollment is 5 more than for February, 1912. In North Red Deer there was an enrollment of 55 with three grades, which meant a great deal of work for one teacher. A new room should be opened next term.

After Easter holidays a week will be given for new pupils to become enrolled in the Primary departments.

TRYING TO FILL VACANCIES

The Board wrestled for some time with the vacancies in the school staff on March 31. They were opposed to disturbing any of the present staff by changing teachers. Miss Calla Land will be offered a position, and the Board will deal with other applicants.

Conservative Meeting

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could be amended so as to be satisfactory. The Conservative party stand for the fullest and most complete recognition of this excellent principle of popular government.

Mr. Michener referred to the unfairness of the present methods of the government with regard to an election. The government agents and hirelings and heels were all over Alberta. They knew the divisions of the ridings as proposed by the redistribution Bill of the government, and it would appear to be the intention of the government to prorogue the House, and immediately issue writs for election. Their own preparations were complete, but those of the Conservative party had all to be made in the new ridings after elections writs were issued, and there were only 21 days' notice before polling day in which to get conventions called, candidates elected and the issues before the people.

Going to the country in such a way was not a representative popular government; it was a machine method of catching a snap verdict.

Mr. Michener then referred to the remedy of the Premier for the A. & G. W. tangle, and showed by the decision of the Prie Council that this legislation was bad, and had placed the Conservatives in a position very much worse than it was in when he came to power to solve the difficulty.

When, the other day, the government brought down a bill to borrow another \$5,000,000, the Opposition presented an amendment that the government should not have this money until a proper remedy for the A. & G. W. had been first submitted to the House. The Premier replied to the arguments of the Opposition that the government must without making any reference to the A. & G. W. at all, and the bill was forced through the House, and there will shortly be another \$5,000,000 added to the already enormous debt of the province. The leader of the Opposition showed that at an admitted debt of \$14,400,000, which we are paying at least 5 per cent., or \$720,000 annually for interest, and with 5 per cent. on the A. & G. W. bond money in the hands of the province, the interest charges of \$370,000 annually and an addition of \$5,000,000 to be borrowed under the bill recently passed, on which 5 per cent. would amount to another \$50,000 interest annually, the province is standing to pay, when this last loan is complete, the sum of \$1,310,000 interest annually.

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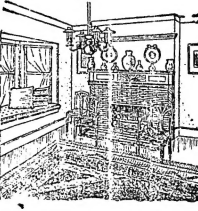
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